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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for November 17

SUBJECT.

Re. Printing the proceedings of the Co-operative Conference at the Govt Press

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The Supdt, Govt Press

Request him to furnish & supply 250 copies in the usual course

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Execution of extra ordinary printing work for Publicity Conference of Officers of the Coorg Deptt

From

The Registrar of C & W Mysore

No. 2189 Dated 25/26.9.17 Received 28.9.17

Diary No. 1840	Enclos. 2 Spare Copies. .	Serial No. 3

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards a report (in duplicate) on the proceedings of the Conference held on 27, 28, & 29th Aug 1917 & requests that it may be published in the Gazette or printed at the Govt Press & 250 Copies supplied to him.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) The Confce was not open to the public, although it was attended by certain officers of other Deptts. It does not seem desirable to publish the proceedings in the Gazette. The question of printing

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3) No necessity to publish in the Gazette may be printed for sale purposes. Necessary copies have to be sent to all the Inspectors

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30	The Offg Supdt G Press G 5529 dated 13.10.1917. 2P 1-17-30 Forwards a copy of the proceedings of the Co-operative Departmental Conference held on the 27th 28th & 29th Aug 1917 and enquires if 250 copies of the same can be conveniently printed at the G Press and supplied to the Registrars of Co-perative Societies at an early date
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DAG 5-11-17

As personally directed draft- to the Registrar of Co- operative Societies is put up

Submitted DAG 8-11-17

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The Registrar of Co-operative Societies states that the work cannot be done expeditiously and considers it to be in the usual course and enquires to know if on that condition the work may be entrusted to the Govt- Press.

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Letter No 2758. C.S dated 16-11-17

From. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies

36 States that the printing of the proceedings of the Co-operative Departmental Conference may be done at the Govt-Press in the usual course

Submitted with a draft-

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39	To The Offg Secretary to Govt No 6780 dated 21 11 1917 Request (with ref to sl 34) that that 250 copies of the proceedings may be printed in the usual course and supplied to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore The Reg of Co operative Societies No 6781 dated 21 11 1917 Forwards a copy of the above

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OFFICE OF THE
REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES
IN MYSORE.

Dated, Bangalore, 25th September *1917.*

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K. CHANDY ESQ., B. A.,
Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore,
BANGALORE

To

P.G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A. B.L.,
Secretary to the Government
OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
Depts. of Education and Agriculture,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

With reference to Government Order No.843-4/I.& C.23-17-2 dated 23rd July 1917 sanctioning the holding of the Fourth Co-operative Departmental Conference in August 1917, I have the honor to forward herewith (in duplicate) a report of the proceedings of the Conference held on the 27th, 28th and 29th August 1917 and to request that the same may be ordered to be published in the Gazette, or printed at the Government Press, and in either case 250 copies sent to me for distribution and for reference.

I have the honor to l

Sir,

Your most obedient se

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To

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Forwards the Proceedings of the Departmental Conference and requests that it may be ordered to be published in the same Gazette and 250 copies sent to this Office for distribution

P r o c e e d i n g s

of the

FOURTH CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCE

held at Bangalore

on the

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Proceedings

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCE HELD AT BANGALORE ON THE 27th, 28th and 29th AUGUST 1917.

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The Conference met at the Registrar's Office at Sankarpuram, Bangalore, on the 27th August 1917 at 8 A.M.

The Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Personal Assistant to the Registrar, all the Inspectors of Co-operative Societies, and the clerical staff of the office were present (~~vide appendix.1~~).

Mr. P.G. D'Souza, Secretary to Government, Education and Agriculture Departments and ex-officio Secretary to Economic Conference, Messrs. Y. Narasinga Rao and M.S. Ramachendra Rao, Assistant Secretaries to the Economic Conference and all the eight District Exam: Superintendents were also present.

Mr. K. Chandy, Registrar of Co-operative Societies presided. In opening the Conference he said that the object of the Conference was to review the work done during the previous year, to understand what the difficulties are, to elicit opinion on outstanding questions connected with Co-operation, and finally to chalk out definitely the programme of work for the current year and added that with a definite programme, people can achieve greater results than without it.

At the request of the Registrar Mr. D'Souza next addressed a few words to the Conference in the course of which he said that The work of the Economic Conference during the last six years showed the willingness of the people to co-operate with Government, that the Co-operative movement was of great importance for the welfare of the rural population and that greater efforts have to be made for ameliorating the condition of artisans and for starting industries by means of industrial Co-operative Societies.

The District Economic Superintendents were asked by the Registrar to give their suggestions as to the particular industries that might be taken up for development for the present. After some discussions it was decided that weaving, sericulture and silk reeling might be taken up.

The Registrar said that for resuscitating weaving by means of Co-operative Societies we have first to ascertain that hand made articles can withstand competition from mill made articles; and it was generally agreed that for a long time to come, our weavers need not fear such competition at least in the finest and coarsest counts He then said that three conditions were essential for improving the condition of weavers.

(1) A Central Brain, preferably the Government Weaving Institute, which should study the markets, find out what foreign goods are being largely imported, and prepare patterns that are likely to capture the market in Mysore and outside.

(2) A Central Store Society, or a few in different districts composed of weavers and merchants for buying up the finished products and putting them in suitable markets. Care should be taken that merchants that are somewhat sympathetic are chosen and not those who would exploit the weavers; and these societies should be closely supervised by official agency.

& (3) Primary producing societies which will buy the raw material and weave according to the patterns supplied by the Central Agency. Such societies may be formed in all weaving centres.

He added that

The imparting of technical instruction on the spot by the Department of Industries and the starting of a temperance movement for educating the weavers to be sober should also be undertaken side by side with the development of weavers societies. The subject was left at this stage for further consideration with the Director of

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Industries. ~~Unless there is combination, intelligence and co-operation both for production and sale, there will not be success~~

The District Economic Superintendents were asked to give their opinion as to the possibility of developing the work in their respective Districts.

Mr. N. Subba Rao, District Economic Superintendent, Chitaldrug said that woollen and cotton goods manufactured in the Chitaldrug District are being sent for sale in the Kadur and Shimoga Districts and that an emporium may be started where such goods might be stocked for sale in the malnad parts.

Mr. Meppen, District Economic Superintendent, Kadur District, undertook to start an emporium at Chikmagalur for the purchase and sale of such articles.

Mr. M.S. Ramachendra Rao, Assistant Secretary, Economic Conference said that an officer may be specially deputed for organizing work on the lines chalked out above in at least 6 places to begin with.

It was decided that a scheme for deputing a special officer for organizing six weavers Co-operative Societies on the lines chalked out by the Registrar be submitted to Government for orders.

Discussions were invited in regard to the best way in which the District Economic Superintendents would be prepared to help the Co-operative Department.

It was decided that

(i) if the Economic Superintendents brought to the notice of the Registrar the deficiencies in existing Societies and the possibilities for promoting new ones noticed by them the Co-operative Department should take action on their reports -

(ii) the District Economic Superintendents should help the Inspectors in starting and working non-credit societies.

The difficulties in the working of the rice-hulling and

Jaggery-manufacturing

jaggory-manufacturing societies were discussed. The chief difficulties were stated to be (i) the absence of a Central Store for buying up the rice or jaggory manufactured by the societies and (ii) the Co-operative Department had no control over the staff of the Industrial Department entrusted with the ~~running~~ working of the plant in such societies.

The Deputy Registrar suggested that officials of the Industries or Agricultural Departments running a Co-operative concern should be under the orders of the Registrar except as regards technical details.

At this stage the Secretary to Government, Education and Agriculture Departments, the Assistant Secretaries, Economic Conference and the District Economic Superintendents left the Conference

The survey of the progress of work in each Co-operative Circle was next taken up.

Each Inspector gave an account of the spread of the movement in his charge and also gave a development statement indicating the present position in each Taluk and also the progress that may be expected during the current official year.

The Registrar said that the work would be reviewed by him later on.

Measures for the development of the working of Co-operative Societies for depressed classes.

The condition of the 8 Co-operative Societies that have been started solely for the benefit of the Panchamas and other depressed classes was carefully examined.

The difficulties in developing the work of these societies were enquired into. The Registrar pointed out that out of the two Co-operative Societies for depressed classes that had been started by the Bangalore Social Service League the one in which there was an ~~large~~

admixture of other class members was progressing very satisfactorily, whereas the other composed solely of Panchamas was languishing. It was found that the same was the case with societies in the mofussil. The principle was accepted that it is not of use to start societies consisting of only Panchama members and that such societies should be started only in places where at least a few respectable and influential men are willing to become members.

Provident Fund Scheme.

After some discussions regarding the working of this scheme in certain societies it was decided that the Provident Fund Scheme should be introduced in well established urban Co-operative Societies with the proviso that the subscriptions on account of the fund should not be taken as security for loans applied for by the members.

Regulating the growth of Co-operation in the different Districts.

As desired by the Registrar the following comparative statement showing the spread of the movement in the several districts was drawn up and read at the Conference.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHEWING THE SPREAD OF THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS AT THE END OF 1916-17.

Serial Number	DISTRICT.	No. of inhabited villages in the District	Population of the District in lakhs.	Number of Co-operative Societies in the District.	Average number of villages per society.	Average population served by a society.
1.	Bangalore.	2,500	7.50	198	14	4,070
2.	Kolar.	2,400	7.50	107	25	6,800
3.	Tumkur.	2,300	7.50	166	14	4,430
4.	Mysore.	2,800	12.75	110	28	12,750
5.	Hassan.	2,300	5.75	139	16	4,100
6.	Kadur.	1,000	3.50	52	19	7,000
7.	Shimoga.	1,800	5.25	126	14	4,230
8.	Chitaldrug.	1,200	5.50	76	16	6,800
Total for the State.		16,400	58	974	17	5,950

The work done in the Mysore, Kadur, Chitaldrug and Kolar Districts was not considered to be satisfactory.

The Registrar considered that a revision of the Inspectors' charges was necessary and the more capable among the Inspectors should be posted for developing the work in these Districts.X

He also gave the following suggestions for being tried by the Inspectors during the current year.

If it was difficult to start Co-operative Societies ~~on~~ write a large ~~scale~~ capital in any ~~District~~ area, attempts might be made to start societies for the benefit of the poorer classes. Only men known to be honest and of sober habits should be admitted as members and share-capital should be small, or if necessary, may even be eliminated. A few influential men should also be induced to join each such society for giving their credit and thereby helping the poor but trustworthy indebted persons, a few at a time, to clear their debts.

Co-operative Societies and Village Improvement.

The Deputy Registrar said that Co-operative Societies should interest themselves in village improvement work and it behoved every Inspector to visit as many village improvement Committees as possible without prejudice to his legitimate duties.

The Registrar impressed on all the Inspectors that the paramount duty of the Co-operative Department at present was the relief of indebtedness of the ryots and that the work of the Department had so far touched only a fringe of it. No lasting improvement ~~could~~ can be effected unless the indebtedness of the poorer classes ~~was~~ is removed or ameliorated. The Inspectors should make friends with the people and ascertain their financial condition as far as possible and draw the attention of every rural credit society prominently to the fact that the existence of such societies established on the Raffeisen Model is to relieve the indebtedness of the poor and improve their condition. They should also

Footnote X: A revision of charges & postings of Inspectors was approved by the Registrar on 3-9-17.

also investigate during their inspections, cases in which repayments of loans made to Directors and other influential members had been made by fresh loans discourage such procedure, and bring flagrant cases to the notice of the Registrar. As regards the poorer classes who labour for clearing indebtedness, but want a longer time for repayment, loans may be renewed when there is money available - provided the security has not deteriorated and provided also that at least a portion of the loan is paid. (The question of repaying capital and interest by instalments spread over a number of years should also be considered).

The Conference at this stage adjourned till the next day.

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Second Day.

The Conference reassembled at 8 A.M., on the 28th August 1917 the Registrar again presiding.

Dr. Coleman, M.A. Ph.D., Director of Agriculture in Mysore, was, by invitation present. Mr. Y. Narasinga Rao, Assistant Secretary to the Economic Conference was also present.

The Registrar requested Dr. Coleman to give his ideas for developing agricultural co-operation with special reference to popularising the use of good seeds, manure and agricultural implements.

Dr. Coleman accordingly addressed the Conference in some detail in the course of which he said:--

Agricultural co-operation as distinct from co-operative credit has, as far as he was aware, been a great success only in the Central Provinces. In these Provinces the success has been practically confined to the growing and supply of improved seed and the work had to be preceded by many years of experimental work on the part of the Agricultural Department.

The Agricultural Department in Mysore was reorganized only 3 years back and since then experimental work on a systematic scale in connection with seed selection has been carried out. Before the work of starting Co-operative Societies for the supply of manures and seeds can be undertaken, the Agricultural Department must be able to supply the demand.

With regard to the selection and distribution of good seed, the Agricultural Department is at present conducting experiments with Ragi in Bangalore, Tumkur and Kolar Districts and it will take two or three years more for the Department to have a sufficient stock of selected seed to attempt the formation of co-operative seed supply societies on a large scale. A beginning may be made however next year.

A great deal of work is also being done in organizing the supply of sugarcane seed and this work may possibly be developed on a co-operative basis from next year.

Regarding manure also, the Director was of opinion that the time was not ripe for forming co-operative societies on a large scale for the supply of manures. A scheme was being investigated for the utilization of the oil seeds in the State. When it came into effect, the ryots can be supplied with sufficient cake manure. At the present time the supply had to be got from outside the State. If an attempt is to be made for supplying manures through Co-operative Societies it should be done not by the credit societies but by new societies started for the purpose. They are likely to be successful only in the Hassan, Shimoga, and Chitaldrug Districts under present conditions as in these Districts there is - difficulty in getting a supply of such manures for sugarcane and the Agricultural Department has through its demonstration work created a considerable demand. He was diffident about Mysore as the spirit of co-operation was not strong yet in that District.

Lastly as regards the sale of Agricultural implements through co-operative societies

co-operative societies an attempt had been made but it had proved a failure. With regard to this work also the time was not ripe for entrusting Co-operative Societies with it on any large scale. If we could start a society for the purchase of implements, such as, threshing machines, power ploughs and disc harrows for the common use of members, it might be a success.

Mr. B. Suryanarayana Rao, Inspector on Special Duty for developing agricultural co-operation then gave an account of the work done by him so far. He said that the societies in the Kadur District were not willing to take up the work of supplying manures and that in the Hassan District he was able to organize a society for the purpose.

After some discussions it was decided that Co-operative Societies for the supply of manures should for the present be formed at Taluk Head-quarter places having jurisdiction over the whole Taluk. The Society should ascertain the demand for manures in the several villages, obtain the required quantity from the Agricultural Department and distribute it. It will practically be an agent of the Agricultural Department. To give some incentive to the Co-operative Societies, the Registrar suggested that Agricultural Department should allow longer credit to the societies and supply the manures at a rate a little cheaper than to individuals applying direct to the Department. The Director accepted the suggestion provided the demand was 7 tons i.e. one waggon load or multiples of it.

The Registrar enquired whether Dr. Coleman would be willing to place the Agricultural Department officials working for jaggory manufacturing societies under the control of the Registrar so far as the work is concerned. Dr. Coleman said that he had no objection to the proposal but that it was desirable that whenever there was an Industries Department official also working at the place, the Agricultural Department official who had the charge of boiling should be regarded as the upper subordinate.

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At this stage Dr. Coleman and Mr. Y. Narasinga Rao ~~withdrew~~.

Measures for increasing the membership and working capital in Co-operative Societies

As regards membership the Conference was of opinion that it should increase through lectures and existing Societies the good work of the ~~society~~ and no ~~special~~ other efforts were necessary.

Regarding working capital the Registrar said that every effort should be made to encourage deposits in each society and that "Dabbes" or small tins might be got prepared by societies for collecting deposits in rural areas once a week. Inspectors should also induce respectable men to keep deposits in the societies.

Some Inspectors suggested that takavi loans granted by Government may be made payable through Co-operative Societies.

The Registrar said that the matter would be considered.

Adequate financing of members of agricultural societies and assessing the credit of each society.

The Registrar considered that the question of assessing the credit of each society may ~~be~~ lie over till next year and that, if there is time, it should be discussed at the Mysore Conference.

After some discussions it was decided that the maximum amount of loans to individual members be fixed at Rs.1,000/- in ordinary cases and Rs.2,000/- in special cases and that to societies at Rs.5,000/- in ordinary cases and Rs.10,000/- in special cases.

Working of Unions.

The Inspectors gave an account of the working of the Unions. It was decided that the question of the continuance or otherwise of the Unions be discussed at the next Provincial Co-operative Conference.

Honorary Supervisors.

Some of the Inspectors represented that Honorary Supervisors in certain circles had not proved themselves really useful to the Co-operative movement.

The point was noted for further consideration.

Malnad Improvement.

The Registrar said that definite action in regard to this subject can be taken only after the report of the survey conducted in the Shimoga District was published.

At this stage the Conference adjourned till the next day.

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Third Day.

The Conference re-assembled on the 29th August 1917 at 8 A.M. the Registrar again presiding.

Mr. V. Rangaswamy Iyengar, B.C.E., Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, was by invitation present.

Mr. K.H. Ramayya, Assistant Director, Industries and Commerce Department and Mr. Y. Narasinga Rao, Assistant Secretary, Economic Conference, were also present.

The Registrar requested Mr. V. Rangaswamy Iyengar to give his views on the measures to be taken for developing Industrial Co-operation in the State and for improving the condition of artizans, weavers, etc.

The Director then delivered a lecture in the course of which he said:--

The Industrial Co-operative Societies so far started had not proved a success. For example the Bannoor Rice Mill was being managed for the Society by the Industries Department. The members were

were non-enterprising and did not show their willingness to take up the work themselves. Their failure from the very outset to supply the mill with paddy showed that they were not conversant even with the first principles of the society.

The difficulty was the members were pure agriculturists who were devoid of all Commercial instincts and who were accustomed to dispose of their paddy at their own places to merchants but they could not do so when they converted the paddy into rice. Unless facilities for marketing rice were secured to the ryot he would not be willing to have the paddy hulled by the mill. When a society was formed there ought to be a responsible agency for attending to the business side of the concern.

The Registrar said that for an Industrial Co-operative concern three things were essential at present.--

1. Installation of machinery and the construction of godowns at Government expense, to be repaid by the society in easy instalments.
2. The working of the mill by an expert of the Industries Department for at least one or two years and
3. The creation of facilities for marketing the finished products.

The Director said that he had submitted a scheme to Government on similar lines as regards the manufacture of jaggory.

After some further discussion on the subject it was decided that an Industrial Society will be successful under present conditions only if the members undertook the entire business on their own responsibility.

The society should be in a position to buy up the raw products from the members, convert it into the finished product and sell it in suitable markets and the members should get the profits proportionately.

The Director said that before starting any more societies for jaggory making and rice-hulling purposes, it was advisable to

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work the existing societies on the principles enumerated above and demonstrate the success of the concern to the public.

The Registrar enquired whether the Director was agreeable to the decision arrived at on the first day in regard to the placing of the Industrial Department officials working in a Co-operative Society under the orders of the Registrar.

The Director said that he had no objection to it and it was decided that where the Industries Department is running a business concern through Co-operative Society, the officials in charge of it should be placed under the orders of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Industries Department having control only over the technical details.

Mr. K.H. Ramayya then gave an account of the Weavers' societies inspected by him under the orders of the Director and said that the weavers had not been greatly benefited as the business side of the society was not properly managed as could be seen by the fact that cloths woven by them were not bought by the society.

The Registrar then read the decision arrived at on the 1st day regarding the method of working weavers' societies. The Director and the Assistant Director said that they fully agreed with the Registrar on the subject.

At this stage the Director, Assistant Director and the Assistant Secretary, Economic Conference, left.

District and Taluk Co-operative Conferences.

The Registrar announced that Government had recently passed an order directing that Co-operative Conference should in future form part of the District and Taluk Conferences arranged by the District Committees and said that necessary steps would be taken in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners.

Regulation of the grant of loans by the societies to ordinary members and Committee Members and checking overdue loans.

The Registrar observed that overdue loans in societies were very heavy and that the Inspectors should check in the course of their inspections the list of overdue loans and report bad cases to him.

It was decided that in societies where loans taken by Committee Members was about 40 to 50 per cent of the total loans outstanding the Inspectors should report the fact to the Registrar advise the Committee Members who had taken large loans to resign their seats on the directorate of the society in favor of persons who are not so heavily indebted to the society.

Inspectors' requirements.

The Registrar asked that information as regards clerical establishment etc., to Inspectors in Madras should be obtained.

The other requests as regards supply of Gazettes one for each District, of Taluk Maps, copies of important Government Orders and supply of Arbitration Forms were noted.

Testing the relief of indebtedness by means of Co-operative Societies.

The statistics called for from the Inspectors on this subject were scrutinized and the following is the Registrar's review thereon. (It is proposed to make a more elaborate survey during the current year.)

RELIEF OF INDEBTEDNESS THROUGH CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

In order to get a rough idea as to how far indebtedness has been relieved through Co-operative Societies, the Inspectors in the Department were asked by me to make certain investigations. Each Inspector was required to select two societies in his range, one considered good and the other average; and only societies that had been

been in existence for not less than four years were to be selected.

The following were the heads on which information was collected.-

Number of inhabited houses or families in the village or villages covered by the society.	Number of members and year of starting of societies.	Total indebtedness of members before society was started.
Total indebtedness of members (to society and others) now.	In how many cases is condition (a) better (b) stationary (c) worse (giving reasons in detail for c.)	How many members have increased their lands or working capital through the society. Give details.

Has the society benefited any members of the depressed classes? If so, how many? Give details and what is the total number of inhabited houses of such classes.

The headings given are by no means complete; and the enquiry was not intended to be a scientific debt survey. The Inspectors also are not experts; and the cases selected are not numerous enough to justify conclusions. Nevertheless the enquiry has given some training to the Inspectors, and the information collected is very interesting. The reservations mentioned above should be borne in mind in considering the results obtained.

The survey was conducted in 32 Taluks, including five malnad Taluks. 48 societies were selected, operating over 170 villages. Altogether, 2,114 cases were investigated. As these villages contain 25,316 inhabited houses, it will be seen that the investigation involved in the cases of less than 10 per cent of the heads of families in the selected areas. The membership of societies in these areas exceeds the cases investigated by 723. These 723 were left out of account as being new members who were not in the societies originally.

The total indebtedness of the members when the societies were started was Rs.5,54,716; which works out to an average of Rs.260 per head. The total indebtedness at present is Rs.5,55,296. These

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figures are remarkable. If the investigation was fairly accurate; and if indebtedness of the same set of men four years ago and now was investigated, they show that indebtedness has remained practically stationary. They also show that even after four years the members are indebted to a greater extent to sowcars than to Co-operative Societies; the figures being roughly indebtedness to the extent of three and a half lakhs to the former against only two and a half lakhs to the latter. I have already stated that the members of Co-operative Societies form only about a tenth of the total number of families. The figures, therefore, appear to show that the grip of the sowcar has not appreciably been relaxed. Why the members of societies are still indebted to sowcars is probably because the latter give longer terms and are more accommodating till they finally absorb the debtor. It thus behoves societies to review every year, or at least, once in three to five years, the economic condition of their members. While very accurate figures cannot be obtained and calling for them might be regarded as inquisitional, rural societies should have no difficulty in ascertaining roughly, but with sufficient accuracy, how many of its members are going up or are stationary financially. Unless this is done, and thrift practised, the cheap credit offered by Co-operative Societies will not appreciably relieve indebtedness.

It appears to be the case, however, that a fair proportion of the loans taken from societies have been utilised for productive purposes; as the statistics show that 236 persons have increased their lands, and 387 their working capital, by means of the loans; it is also found that 892 persons or 42 per cent have improved their condition by reducing indebtedness (for unproductive purposes) while the condition of 1,057 persons or 50 per cent has remained stationary. These figures cannot be made to tally with the figures given above of total indebtedness, without going into elaborate calculations of assets and liabilities of each member. The Inspectors appear to have been satisfied with noting down information as to present and

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past condition as it was given by the members themselves. Even with this reservation, the figures are not altogether disappointing. 165 persons that is 8 per cent admit that their economical condition has become worse after they became members and in most cases this appears to have been due to circumstances beyond the control of the debtors; marriage expenses in a few instances being the only avoidable cause.

It is ascertained that 203 members of the depressed classes have been benefited. This is satisfactory so far as it goes; but the economic condition of the depressed and poorer classes has not been satisfactorily gone into yet and is awaiting investigation and amelioration.

The outstanding conclusion that appears to be deducible is that we are yet quite at the beginning of improving the economic condition of the agricultural classes. To say that they are thriftless is incorrect. They are weighed down by causes due mainly to ignorance. Education is the primary remedy; and as regards lending money, means have to be devised for spreading the repayment over a longer series of years, without however, bringing the ryots under undue influence from petty officials.

The Registrar in winding up the Conference said that the work done by several of the Inspectors was on the whole satisfactory but that he expected them to turn out more work during the current year and that the Inspectors should put in practice the several suggestions made and decisions arrived at in the Conference for developing the working of the Co-operative Societies in their charges.

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Bangalore
25th September 1917

K. Chandy
Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore

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~~C. H. YATES, Esq.,~~
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To
C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

SIR.

With reference to your docket No. G, 5529/ G.P. 1-17-30, dated 13th October 1917, forwarding Proceedings of the Co-operative Departmental Conference for execution and supply of 250 copies, I have the honor to state that as the Press at present is too busy with urgent and important works on hand, it is not possible to do this work urgently. It will however be done in the usual course.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

D. B. Ramachandra Mudaliar

Offg. Superintendent,
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No. 1801

Date of issue 1.11.17

To

Signed by M. E. Veiga

The Registrar

of Co-operative Societies

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 2189 C.S. forwarding a report of the proceedings of the conference held in august 1917 and requesting that the same may be ordered to be printed at the Govt Press & 250 copies supplied to you. I am directed to state that as the Press is at present very busy with urgent works

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Office of the Registrar
of Co-operative Societies in Mysore,
Dated, Bangalore the 16th November 1917.

From

K. Chandy, Esquire, B.A.,
Registrar of Co-operative
Societies in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. C. 6301 G.P. 1-17-25 dated the 9th November 1917 enquiring whether the printing of the proceedings of the Co-operative Departmental Conference held in August 1917 may be entrusted to the Government Press for being attended to in the usual course, I have the honor to reply in the affirmative and to state that in order that the Inspectors and Secretaries of Co-operative Societies may follow the outlines of work decided upon at the Conference, the decisions arrived at are being published in Part II of the Mysore Gazette as a Departmental Circular.

I have the honor to be,
S i r ,
Your most obedient servant,

K. Chandy

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From

The Registrar of Cooperative Societies in Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore Bangalore

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To

The ~~Offg~~ Superintendent

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With reference to the correspondence ending with his letter No 769 dt 22/29-10-17 re the printing of the proceedings of the Co-operative conference, I am directed to request that 250 copies of the same may be printed in the usual cover and supplied to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Bangalore Mysore, Bangalore

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Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Registrar of Co-operative societies with reference to the correspondence ending with his letter No 2758 c.s of 16.11.17

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